

REMARKS

This responds to the Final Office Action mailed on December 28, 2005.

Claims 1, 5, 7-13, 15, 19 20 and 24-27 are canceled, and claims 28-48 are added; as a result, claims 28-48 are now pending in this application.

§103 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 1, 7-13, 15, 19, 20 and 24-27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sundaresan (U.S. 6,289,369) in view of Maresco (U.S. 6,418,458) in further view of Szlam et al. (U.S. 6,314,089).

Claim 5 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sundaresan, Maresco, and Szlam in view of Sequeira (U.S. 6,222,530)

Please cancel claims 1, 5, 7-13, 15, 19, 20 and 24-27 without prejudice and consider the new claims 28-48.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicants' attorney 408-278-4042 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

Respectfully submitted,

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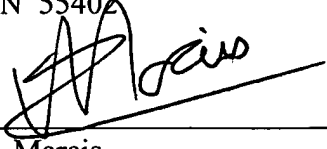
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